

debt free and \$29 million for UNC Need-Based Grant Program to keep college affordable. Provide tax deductions for higher education tuition.

- **Expand Economic Opportunity** – Extend small businesses tax write off expenses; \$15 million for the One North Carolina Fund to recruit new and expanding industries; \$5 million for the One North Carolina Small Business Innovation Research Program; \$3.5 million for the N.C. Biotechnology Center; \$3.8 million to upgrade and streamline freight rail operations.
- **Protect the Most Vulnerable** – Eliminate state income tax for 545,000 taxpayers and cut the tax in half for another 629,000; \$4.7 million to create N.C. Kids' Care health care plan for 12,000 children of low-income working families to complement Medicaid and N.C. Health Choice for Children; provide subsidies for an additional 2,000 foster children of low-income working parents; \$2 million to support National Guard members and their families through the National Guard Family Assistance Centers and for Operation Kids on Guard to help children of Guard members on deployment; \$1 million for welfare and recreation grants to North Carolina military bases; \$1.5 million through the Housing Trust Fund for a home protection pilot program to aid workers who have lost their homes due to the volatile economic climate; add two new migrant labor housing inspectors; \$2 million for Dial-A-Ride and other public transportation systems.
- **Strengthen Community Security** – \$13.6 million to expand prison capacity; provide school security officers for every middle school; \$11.3 million for continued implementation of the VIPER communications system so local and state emergency responders can effectively communicate; \$7 million for additional judges, prosecutors and court staff to move cases more efficiently; \$3.7 million to update court technology; \$3.6 million for equipment to enable the Highway Patrol to perform aerial rescue operations; \$2.7 million to complete upgrades and expansion of the Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System; \$840,000 to complete use of global positioning systems to monitor sex offenders; \$500,000 additional for the Crime Victims Compensation Fund; \$2.2 million to implement and comply with the federal REAL I.D. Act for secure drivers license and identification cards.
- **Protect Our Natural Resources** – \$6 million for the N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Fund; \$5.5 million as a state match to federal drinking water funds; \$2.6 million to match EPA clean water funds; \$5.3 million to strengthen emergency preparedness efforts by continuing the identification, monitoring and mapping of natural hazards and man-made threats; \$370,000 to enhance the ability of the state's seven Hazardous Materials Regional Response Teams to save lives and property; \$1.3 million to replace the end of federal support for the State Energy Office; \$100 million in certificates of participation for land and water.
- **Capital improvements for education, public safety, environmental and infrastructure projects** – \$487.3 million in general obligation bonds for University System projects including East Carolina's School of Dentistry, Western Carolina's Health and Gerontological Sciences Building, UNC-Chapel Hill's Genomics Facility, and the NC State University Companion Animal Hospital; \$310 million to increase prison capacity for projected growth; \$37 million for five new Youth Development Centers; \$100 million in special financing state conservation land acquisitions; \$250 million in general obligation bonds for water and wastewater system improvements; and \$35 million in general obligation bonds to be added to \$20.5 million in gifts for a new Tryon Palace history education and visitors center.

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